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Applicant(s): Wilhelm ARDES

Invention: FLUID FILTER WITH REMOVABLE CENTRAL COMPONENT WITH ADDITIONAL
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

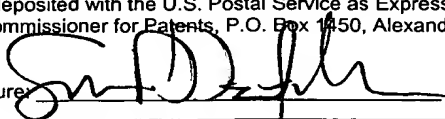
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including December 14, 2004.

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2004, entry of the below amendments, consideration of the remarks provided, and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.